Assistance to families displaced due to Kudremukh National Park

1321. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought Central assistance for rehabilitation of 211 families displaced on account of formation of Kudremukh National Park; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and by when the clearance would be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) No request for central assistance for rehabilitation of families from Kudremukh National Park has been received from Government of Karnataka. However, the State Government has only made a request towards cost of the acquisition of land. The State Government has been requested to submit a comprehensive proposal.

Environmental Clearance to Bauxite Refinery Project in Kalahandi

1322. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the question raised by the Central empowered Committee for granting environmental clearance to a Bauxite Refinery Project in Kalahandi, Orissa; and

(b) If so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has already filed a reply through an affidavit clarifying the position to the Hon'ble Central Empowered Committee.